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1. I AGREE WITH REFTEL. HAVING BEEN TOLD BY THE LA'S ON MONDAY THAT DIALOGUE WITH U.S. WAS NOT APPROPRIATE IN MARCH, IN VIEW OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING THE WEEK BEFORE, I HARDLY THINK WE SHOULD EMBRACE A PROPOSAL FOR OTHER OAS MEETINGS IN MARCH ON THE SUBJECT OF THE TRADE BILL. AT LEAST I THINK WE SHOULD HOLD TO THIS POSITION UNTIL WE SEE EVIDENCE THAT SOME LA'S ARE PREPARED TO CHANGE THEIR PUBLIC POSITION AND TALK SENSIBLY AND RESPONSIBLY. MOST LA'S WOULD BE HONOR-BOUND TO REPEAT THEIR EARLIER DENUNCIATIONS OF THE ACT AS ECONOMIC COERCION.

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2 IT IS INTERESTING HOWEVER, THAT CHILE HAS BEEN TEMPTED,

FOR ITS OWN SPECIAL REASONS, TO ESSAY THE ROLE OF PEACEMAKER, THIS IS, AT LEAST ENCOURAGING THAT I READ SOME ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS. BUT MY SUGGESTION IS THAT WE NOT RUSH INTO A FURTHER TRADE BILL DEBATE JUST NOW, AT LEAST NOT ONE WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE CONVOKED AS QUICKLY AS A SANTIAGO IAECOSCO MEETING.

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